

Local Radio Hams Reporting Results of 'Disaster Tests' 1954

Tri-State Amateur Radio Society officials today were compiling a report of the group's week-end participation in national American Radio Relay League "field-day" activities.

Clifford McGuyer, chairman of the local effort from 4 p.m. Saturday to 4 p.m. Sunday,

said his organization has a good chance of winning the Indiana Radio Club Council plaque awarded to the group scoring the most points.

Points are awarded on the basis of contacts with other stations and efficiency in operating under simulated emergency conditions. (Hypothetically, a national disaster had

knocked out all power lines and cut wire communications.)

About 35 "hams" from the Tri-State area took part in the 24-hour test, contacting 320 stations. They used equipment located at the Rural Center on Highway 41 North.

Amateur operators were assigned 30-minute shifts, manning the organization's mobile station—a 22-foot house trailer—and portable equipment including two 40-foot masts and a trailer-mounted 110-volt generator.

Benjamin Zieg Jr., TARS president, said the equipment is available in any emergency. He said his group has assisted at such disasters as the 1937 flood here, when normal communications were virtually nonexistent.

Henry Galbraith is TARS emergency co-ordinator, acting, for instance, as liaison man with local Civil Defense.

Local Amateur Radio Group 1954 Included in Nationwide Test

The Tri-State Amateur Radio Society, Inc., of Illinois, Kentucky, and Indiana, will join in a nationwide radio emergency test today and tomorrow, it was announced by Clifford C. McGuyer, publicity chairman for the society.

The occasion is the 21st annual Field Day sponsored by the amateur radio operators' national organization, the American Radio Relay League. About 40 members of the local society will be among an expected 10,000 amateur radio operators who will take part in the exercise all over the nation. Its purpose is to prepare amateur radiomen to serve in disaster emergencies.

The local group will operate three two-way radio stations from 4 p.m. Saturday until 4 p.m. Sunday. The stations draw their electricity from gasoline powered generators.

One group will operate from the

Rural Center, located on Highway 41 North, another group will operate the Civil Defense bus from Heckel Road, while a beginner group will work from Scott Township School.

In last year's test, the operators of the society contacted 320 stations in 38 states, using both code and voice. Ray Miller, president of the local group, said he expects that record to be beaten this year.

John Harkins, will be in charge of this year's event here.

Thailand (formerly Siam) has modernized its once primitive railroad system.